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LOK SABHA

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CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION OF GAMES IN NATIONAL CATEGORY
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for the inclusion of games in the category of National Games;

(b) the details of sports which have been included in this category;

(c) whether Judo and Karate have also been included in this category; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) Conduct of the National Games is the responsibility of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). These are allotted by the IOA to a State Olympic Association in consultation with the concerned State Government. Following is the criteria for inclusion of various disciplines in the National Games:-

i. Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and Asian Games disciplines.

ii. Indigenous Games such as Kho-Kho & Kabaddi

iii. Two disciplines as per the choice of the Organisers

iv. Final decision on the number of disciplines is taken based on the sports infrastructure facilities available in the state hosting the Games.

(b) Sports disciplines included in the last National Games held in Punjab from 19th Nov. to 1st Dec. 2001 were as under:-

i. Archery ii. Athletics iii. Badminton iv. Basketball v. Boxing
vi. Canoeing & Kayaking vii. Cycling viii. Equestrian ix. Fencing
x. Football xi. Golf xii. Gymnastics xiii. Handball xiv. Hockey
xv. Judo xvi. Kabaddi xvii. Kho-kho xviii. Rowing xix. Shooting
xx. Table Tennis xxi. Taekwondo xxii. Tennis xxiii Volleyball
xxiv. Weightlifting xxv. Wrestling

Competitions in Swimming were not conducted as there was no heating system in the Swimming Pool at NIS Patiala.

Netball was included as Demonstration Game in these Games.

For the next National Games proposed to be held from 15th to 25th Nov. 2002 at Hyderabad the disciplines are yet to be finalized by the Indian Olympic Association and the concerned State Government.

(c) & (d) : Judo is one of the disciplines of the National Games. Karate has not been included so far as it has not been preferred by the Organisers of the Games.